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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION

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1. 1976 NARCOTICS LAW DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN CLASSES OF NARCOTICS. PENALTIES, APPLY EQUALLY FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA OR OTHER NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES. POSSESSION IS PUNISHABLE OFFENSE WITH IMPRISONMENT UP TO ONE YEAR AND/OR FINE OF UP TO \$800.

2. LAW DOES, HOWEVER, STATE THAT "IF ANY PERSON IS FOUND TO HAVE PURCHASED ANY NARCOTIC IN A SMALL QUANTITY (UNDEFINED) ONLY FOR PERSONAL USE, KEPT IT OR USED FOR THE FIRST TIME ... AND SIGNS A STATEMENT HE WILL NOT REPEAT THE OFFENSE HE MAY BE SET FREE. IF A CAUSE IS FILED AND A COURT FINDS THIS TO BE A MINOR AND FIRST OFFENSE THE ACCUSED MAY BE SET FREE".

3. SINCE LEGISLATION HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN PASSED THERE HAVE BEEN NO SENTENCES HANDED DOWN TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT COURTS WILL PROBABLY ENFORCE LAW STRICTLY AGAINST FOREIGNERS ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED SMUGGLING. IN REALITY VIRTUALLY NO ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST ANYONE FOR SIMPLE POSSESSION OF CANNABIS WHICH REMAINS UNCLASSIFIED

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